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Identical letters dated 6 April 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I draw your attention to the following:

Israel is continuing its ongoing series of violations of Lebanese sovereignty and of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006). On 31 March 2018, Israel violated Lebanese airspace, using an unmanned aerial vehicle armed with four missiles. It subsequently sent a second aerial vehicle to bomb the first aerial vehicle and the site where the latter had crashed on the outskirts of the town of Bayt Yahun in the Bint Jubayl district. A Lebanese Army technical team detonated the four missiles.

Lebanon condemns this dangerous Israeli violation in the strongest possible terms. The international community has repeatedly expressed its condemnation of daily Israeli violations of Lebanese airspace. Such condemnations have been included, inter alia, in the Secretary-General's successive reports on the implementation of resolution 1701 (2006). However, this latest violation goes beyond merely demonstrating Israel's continued disregard for the will of the international community and recognized international resolutions. It also represents a dangerous escalation. Having systematically used unmanned aerial vehicles for the purposes of surveillance and spying, Israel has now decided to use unmanned aerial vehicles armed with weapons and missiles.

This development is extremely dangerous. It calls for a resolute position to be taken by the Security Council, and places on the international community a responsibility to do whatever is necessary to put a complete and immediate end to these violations. In that regard, Lebanon reiterates that it will stand by its legitimate right to defend its sovereignty — and its land, airspace and waters — in the face of any Israeli aggression.

Lebanon reiterates that it is in full compliance with Security Council resolution 1701 (2006). It reiterates its condemnation of these ongoing, systematic Israeli violations of Lebanese sovereignty, which reflect the pursuit by Israel of a policy of flagrant disregard for the provisions of international law, the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant internationally recognized resolutions. Lebanon takes this opportunity to yet again convey its request to the Security Council — and through the

Security Council to the entire international community — to apply the necessary effective pressure on Israel to cease its violations, comply with resolution 1701 (2006) in its entirety and implement all the provisions thereof without delay. The continued violation by Israel of international laws and resolutions constitutes a clear threat to regional and international security and peace.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 37, and of the Security Council.

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